

North of England Ophthalmological Society

Over 160 members of the North of England Ophthalmological Society gathered for the summer meeting at Double tree Hotel in Chester on 12th June 2013. The society will be in its centenary year next year and now has more than 550 members.

This oversubscribed meeting was convened by Divya Mathews from Abergele Hospital and she had arranged a stimulating and varied programme.

The morning session was kicked off by Rajitha Ajit who highlighted the probable association (Naranjo 7) between monoclonal antibody therapy and posterior uveitis. Keeping things at the back of the eye Felipe Dhawahir-Scala then gave a concise overview of vitreoretinal emergencies utilising a traffic light system to guide referring ophthalmologists.

The service implications of the NICE guidance on the treatment of diabetic macular oedema are a current hot topic and Ian Pearce shared his firm grip of the evidence with an attentive audience. In a switch to the

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practical, Mandagere Vishwanath gave a clear guide on how to improve your ultrasonography skills, before Tom Betts (currently training in Abergele) presented an entertaining update on the Vision 2020 link between Abergele and Ethiopia, headed up by Clare Morton and Emebet Kigirma.

After generous refreshment including lashings of cake at lunchtime, the afternoon session concentrated on glaucoma. Our convener Divya Mathews described her experience of viscocanalostomy surgery. Ray Radford invited all to consider what we don't know regarding glaucoma progression building on the themes of 'Truth, Time, Risk, and Trust'. Conrad Yuen brought some figures to the party detailing what a modern hospital glaucoma service costs and how an

optometry lead referral refinement service works in conjunction with this.

The final session was a series of case reports. Anna Maino discussed issues surrounding the uncommon but troubling problem of binocular diplopia following cataract surgery. Bertie Fernando highlighted the risk of raised intraocular pressure in different orbital conditions then Kyaw Lin Tu closed the meeting by describing his experience of managing acute hydrops with intermittent aqueous leakage.

The annual poster competition was won by Savita Madhusudhan, Royal Liverpool University Hospital, for 'Wide-Field Fluorescein Angiography in Wet Age-Related Macular Degeneration'. The case report poster winner was Manju Bhaskaran Pillai, Abergele Hospital, for 'A Rare Cause of Ptosis'.

The next NEOS meeting will be on 15th October 2013 in Bradford, which will include the annual video competition.